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SUBJECT: REPORT OF PLAN TO MURDER AMBASSADOR

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CONSUL GENERAL ZAGREB:
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ZAGREB 750

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BELGRADE FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN AND REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER
JOE LITTLE

EO 11652 GDS

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REF: ZAGREB 750 (EXDIS)

1. THE YOUNG MAN WHO CALLED AT MY HOUSE TUESDAY NIGHT,
SEPTEMBER 7 (REFTEL) AT ABOUT 8:30 PM TO CONVEY INFORMATION
ABOUT A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN,
GAVE HIS NAME AS GORAN MAGLIC OF PETRINJE NEAR SISAK.

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HE SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN A GOOD STUDENT AT THE GIMNAZIUM AND

HAD, THEREFORE, BEEN OBLIGED TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY AT BANJA LUKA. HE SAID HE HAD COMPLETED TWO YEARS THERE AND NOW EXPECTS TO BE A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT THE LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB. HE SAID HE HAD TO TAKE TWO EXAMS TO QUALIFY--STATISTICS AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. HE HAD TAKEN THE STATISTICS EXAM TODAY AND HAD THE OTHER EXAM YET TO TAKE. HE SAID HE IS NOW LIVING IN ZAGREB, OCCUPYING A ROOM IN AN APARTMENT OWNED BY SOME WOMAN ON NOVI VES STREET. HE CLAIMS TO SPEAK SEVERAL LANGUAGES INCLUDING GERMAN, ENGLISH AND POSSIBLY OTHER EUROPEAN LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO SERBO-CROATIAN. HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME WAS ENTIRELY IN SERBO-CROATIAN, ALTHOUGH TOWARDS THE END HE USED SEVERAL ENGLISH PHRASES WHICH SOUNDED PRETTY GOOD TO ME.

2. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHY HE HAD GONE TO GRAZ, HE SAID THAT A PROFESSOR FRIEND AND THE PROFESSOR'S WIFE HAD ORIGINALLY INVITED HIM TO GO WITH THEM TO GRAZ LAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4. WHEN AT THE LAST MINUTE THE PROFESSOR DECIDED NOT TO GO BECAUSE HE WAS TOO BUSY MAGLIC SAID HE DECIDED TO GO ANYWAY. HE SAID HE WENT UP TO BUY SOME THINGS IN GRAZ AND INDICATED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME HE GOES OUT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND BUYS VARIOUS ITEMS. WHEN I ASKED HIM HOW HE SUPPORTS HIMSELF, HE SMILED SHEEPISHLY AND KNOWINGLY AT THE SAME TIME AND SAID HE'S GOTTEN TO KNOW A NUMBER OF EUROPEANS WHO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN THE SUMMER, IMPLYING THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE "FRIENDS" AND HIS FINANCES.

3. HE SEEMED TO BE ABOUT 21 YEARS OLD, SLIGHT OF BUILD, AND ABOUT 5'9" TALL. HE HAD LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND HAD SOME PIMPLES THAT RAN DOWN IN A LINE FROM HIS FOREHEAD TO ABOUT THE BOTTOM OF HIS EARS. HE HAS HIS OWN CAR, A GREEN AUTO, (I DON'T KNOW THE MAKE) WHICH HE SAID HE HAD PARKED ABOUT A HUNDRED METERS AWAY FROM THE HOUSE. HE DID NOT WEAR A TIE BUT WAS NEATLY DRESSED AND HAD A NICE LOOKING GRAY KNIT WOOL CARDIGAN SWEATER WHICH ZIPPED UP THE FRONT. HE HAS NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS, IS SINGLE AND SAID THAT HIS FATHER HAD BEEN A "STOLAR"(CARPENTER).
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